



**SEYCHELLES
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SUSTAINABLE EXPLORATORY HARVESTING OF SEA CUCUMBER

The Mauritius/Seychelles Joint Commission of the Extended Continental Shelf is inviting proposals from eligible and qualified operators registered in Mauritius and Seychelles to undertake sustainable exploratory harvesting of sea cucumber in the Joint Management Area (JMA) for a period of one year.

The two States have developed a framework setting the conditions governing sea cucumber fisheries in the JMA. All selected operators will have an obligation to strictly adhere to these conditions. For the full list of conditions, please contact the Seychelles JMA Focal Point at the address below.

1. **Eligibility** – All Proposal should be accompanied by documents attesting the following:

- A detailed proposal and methodology for sea cucumber fishing activities;
- Business/Company documents including Certificate of Incorporation, Memorandum and Articles of Association (if applicable);
- Copy of valid ID card/passport of applicant(s);
- Valid fishing licence of applicant(s);
- Certification of divers;
- Detailed information on the vessel to be used for the fishing operation
- All necessary permits for operating vessels at sea including valid skipper licence;
- Evidence of experience in offshore sea cucumber fisheries.

2. **Submission Requirements** - Proposals, along with supporting documents, must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly labelled with the reference “Sustainable Exploratory Harvesting of Sea Cucumber in the JMA” and addressed to:

Mr. Chrissant Barbe
Seychelles JMA Focal Point
Department of Blue Economy
Ministry of Fisheries and the Blue Economy
Maison Collet, Second Floor
Palm Street, Victoria
Mahe, Seychelles
Tel: (+248) 4672300

3. Proposals submitted by registered post or hand delivered should reach the above address by the closing time and date.

4. Proposals received by e-mail shall be rejected.

5. The Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles reserve the right to accept or reject any proposal and to annul the whole Request for Proposal (RFP) exercise without thereby incurring any liability whatsoever to any participant.

Closing time and date – 16.00hrs, 27th September 2024